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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PINT, PBOR, PFOR, BU, YO

SUBJECT: THE MADEDONIAN QUESTION

REF: BELGRADE 5314

1. YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR UROSEV INFORMS US THAT DATES FOR MLADENOV VISIT TO BELGRADE HAVE BEEN SET FOR NOVEMBER 11 TO 13. HE ALSO HAS INFORMATION FROM SOVIET AMBASSADOR THAT ZHIVKOV (WHO IS CURRENTLY IN NORTH AFRICA) WILL BE GOING TO MOSCOW PRIOR TO THE MLADENOV VISIT. POSSIBLY THE LINE THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN BY MLADENOV WILL BE ONE OF SUBJECTS DISCUSSED DURING ZHIVKOV'S MOSCOW VISIT.

2. IN LIGHT REFTTEL, WE PROBED FOR ANY EVIDENCE THAT THERE MAY BE A MELLOWING IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND BULGARIA ON THE SUBJECT OF MACEDONIA. UROSEV SAID THERE HAS BEEN SOME MELLOWING AS A RESULT OF THE ZHIVKOV-TITO MEETING IN HELSINKI, BUT NOT ON THE SUBJECT OF MACEDONIA. HE CLAIMED THE BULGARIANS HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT SOFTER IN THEIR PROPAGANDA, AND THEY MAY REFRAIN IN FUTURE FROM  
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THE KIND OF NEEDLING THAT THE YUGOSLAVS HAD OBJECTED

TO IN THE CASE OF THE MEDAL AWARDED TO VENKO MARKOVSKI  
LAST MARCH (BELGRADE 1049). BRITISH AMBASSADOR, WHO  
PARTICIPATED IN THIS CONVERSATION, REMARKED THAT FROM  
MONITORING REPORTS AVAILABLE TO HIM IT APPEARS THAT  
BULGARIANS HAVE BEEN VERY QUIET IN THEIR COMMENTS ON  
YUGOSLAVIA LATELY, BUT THAT THE SAME CANNOT BE SAID OF RADIO  
SKOPJE WHEN IT COMES TO AGITATING THE MACEDONIAN ISSUE OR  
OTHERWISE COMMENTING ON BULGARIAN AFFAIRS.

3. AS FAR AS THE YUGOSLAV POSITION ON MACEDONIA IS  
CONCERNED, UROSEV SAID, THERE IS NO CHANGE WHATSOEVER.  
THE YUGOSLAVS NOT ONLY WANT BULGARIA TO ACKNOWLEDGE  
THAT IT HAS A MACEDONIAN MINORITY BUT ALSO PROPOSE  
THAT THAT MINORITY RECEIVE EXACTLY THE SAME TREATMENT  
THAT THE BULGARIAN MINORITY RECEIVES IN YUGOSLAVIA.  
THERE ARE, HE SAID, SOME 45 TO 50 THOUSAND "YUGOSLAVS  
OF BULGARIAN NATIONALITY" IN THE PIROT AREA (BETWEEN  
NISH AND THE BULGARIAN BORDER) AND THEY HAVE THEIR OWN  
SCHOOLS, NEWSPAPER, ETC.  
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